



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Ali LAAYOUN et al.

Group Art Unit: 1637

Application No.: 09/736,151

Examiner: J. Tung

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Docket No.: 104959

For: PROCESS FOR LABELING A NUCLEIC ACID

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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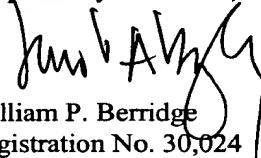
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